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CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

1. In a pacifier arrangement of the type including a generally lemniscate-shaped shield having two longer shield sides and two shorter shield sides and a central shield opening, retractions provided on said two longer shield sides in a middle thereof, and a nipple fastened in said central opening of said shield, the improvement wherein said shield comprises but one lateral opening each provided on one side of said central shield opening and reaching as far as to an edge of said shield while leaving a first shield frame part on one side of said central opening and a second shield frame part on the other side of said central opening.
2. A pacifier arrangement as set forth in claim 1, wherein said first and second shield frame parts on said two shorter shield sides each comprise an indentation.
3. A pacifier arrangement as set forth in claim 2, wherein said indentation is located in the middle of each respective shorter shield side.
4. A pacifier arrangement as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a central circular shield part including said central shield opening for said nipple, and wherein said first and second shield frame parts join said central circular shield part in one piece.
5. A pacifier arrangement as set forth in claim 1, wherein each of said first and second shield frame parts has an approximately U-shaped cross sectional profile.
6. A pacifier arrangement as set forth in claim 1, wherein each of said first and second shield frame parts has an approximately C-shaped cross sectional profile.
7. A pacifier arrangement as set forth in claim 6, wherein said C-shaped cross sectional profile has a rounded web side oriented in the direction of the nipple.

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8. A pacifier arrangement as set forth in claim 1, wherein said lateral opening, in a direction parallel to said longer shield sides, has a length of about 10 mm to 30 mm and, transverse thereto, has a width of about 15 mm to 35 mm.
9. A pacifier arrangement as set forth in claim 1, wherein said lateral opening, in a direction parallel to said longer shield sides, has a length of about 15 mm to 20 mm and, transverse thereto, has a width of about 20 mm to 30 mm.
10. A pacifier arrangement as set forth in claim 1, wherein said lateral opening has a clear width of at least 14 mm over its entire periphery.
11. A pacifier arrangement as set forth in claim 1, further comprising an end bead provided on said nipple and a wedge-shaped plug inserted in said central shield opening to fasten said nipple to said shield in said central shield opening.
12. A pacifier arrangement as set forth in claim 11, further comprising a cap fastened to said shield to cover said plug and said end bead of said nipple.
13. A pacifier shield to be used in the pacifier arrangement set forth in claim 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12.

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